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SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" May I know, Sir, if the Government have issued instructions to all the municipalities in the State to raise the tax, or whether it is the step taken by the municipalities themselves as a matter of quinquennial revision? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" No such general instructions are given. As for getting revenue, the Municipal Councils themselves will pass resolutions and will raise the tax, Sir. Government are not directly responsible."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that in most of the municipalities, the taxes raised are not commensurate with the reasons that may be adduced for raising the tax, and that this increase is quite contrary to the provisions of the District Municipalities Act which lays down that in the absence of any extension to the buildings, property-tax could be raised only to the extent of 8–2/3 per cent? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" If specific instances are brought to the notice of the Government, I will certainly examine them."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கடலூர் முனிசிபாலிடியிலே வரியை உயர்த்தியது நகரசபை ஆணையாளரா ? அப்படி அவர் செய்திருந்தால் வரி விதிக்கும் அதிகாரம் உள்ள நகரசபையானது அதற்கு ஆட்சேபணை தெரிவித்ததா ? அப்படி அந்த ஆட்சேபணையானது லோகல் போர்டு இன்ஸ்பெக்டருக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டு, பிறகு அது சர்க்காருக்கு, அதாவது இப்பொழுது இருக்கின்ற மந்திரிகளுடைய கவனத்திற்குக்கொண்டுவரப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்ற விவரங்களையெல்லாம் தெரிந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் முனிசிபல் சேர்மனாக இருந்திருப்பதால் வரி எப்படி விதிக்கப்படவேண்டும் என்ற முறைகள் எல்லாம் அவருக்குத் தெரிந்திருக்கும். கமிஷனரைத் தவிர நேரடியாக ஒரு உத்தியோகஸ்தரை நியமித்து வரி விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது."

Inclusion of ' Nursing ' in the syllabus for secondary schools for girls.

* 54 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether ' Nursing ' is included in the syllabus for secondary schools for girls and if not, whether the Government have considered any proposal to that effect?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not practicable to introduce ' Nursing ' as a subject of study (under the Scheme of Diversified Courses) in secondary schools."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether there are separate syllabuses for boys' schools and girls' schools, and whether special subjects suitable for girls are taught in the girls' schools? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir, there are some special subjects like domestic science, dancing—of course, even boys may take to dancing—and home science. These are the special subjects for girls."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government kindly consider the introduction of ' Nursing ' as a special subject in the girls' schools to aid or improve mother craft and perhaps relieve also the lack of nurses in rural areas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, for giving training in nursing, hospitals would be necessary. We cannot attach a hospital to a secondary school for the purpose of giving training in nursing."

SRI G. KRISHNAMURTHI :—" Is it not better to leave the girls to learn nursing at home under their natural mother-nurse, their mother, instead of bringing them under the artificial mother-nurse, the mistress or the headmistress of the school? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member seems to be an expert in that. I take his suggestion."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Should not the rudimentary principles of nursing be arranged to be taught in secondary schools for girls, Sir? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There could not be a regular course of nursing in the secondary-schools. Under ' Home Science ' certain subjects relating to nursing are taught."

Preparation of text-books for the new elementary education.

* 55 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state who is in charge of the preparation of the books for the new elementary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The approved text-books adopted by the schools before the introduction of the Modified Scheme have been allowed to continue for the present. The practice hitherto followed in regard to the preparation of approved text-books for Elementary schools is merely to prescribe the syllabus in the various subjects and to leave the work of bringing out text-books, to private publishers. The question of revising this practice is under consideration."

2-50 p.m. DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I take it, Sir, that the modified scheme of elementary education is dropped? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not yet, Sir."